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SETTLEMENT FAR OFF

GREAT BRITAIN CAN NOT SEE HER WAY TO SUBMIT CLAIMS TO ARBITRATION.

LOOKS UPON IT AS VAGUE

Foreign Office Sees No Guarantee in the Venezuelan Offer—Inquiry Made as to Whether the United States Would See That Venezuela Carried Out Her Pledges Results in a Direct Negative.

London, Dec. 17.—Judging from statements given out by the foreign office the Venezuelan situation does not appear to be any nearer a settlement. Up to a late hour no suggestion had been made that Great Britain could eventually see its way to submitting its claims to arbitration, and the foreign office points out that Venezuela's offer to arbitrate is extremely vague. President Castro, in the communication in which he expresses his willingness to resort to arbitration, provides no guarantee that the rights of British subjects in Venezuela will be respected pending the award. The foreign office claims that some matters are impossible to arbitrate, instancing the disrespectful treatment of Mr. Haggard, British minister to Venezuela. To arbitrate the financial claims, however, will meet with no opposition in official circles in London, nor is there any desire to stir up opposition here by continuing unnecessarily the present armed compact with Germany, but, quoting from the foreign office, "at the same time there is not the slightest inclination to let Venezuela go unpunished for her repeated insults and injuries. The offer to arbitrate comes very late in the day. We are not seeking a quarrel, but we must insure ourselves against a recurrence of the acts which led to the present situation."

The foreign office appears to be without official cognizance of the attitude of the Washington government, although it is convinced unofficially that Washington is anxious that further hostilities be avoided. It is known that the foreign office has made inquiry as to whether the United States would be willing to guarantee the fulfilling of Venezuela's pledges, either at the immediate cessation of the present European action or pending the award of arbitrators. This inquiry resulted in a direct negative from the United States. With the guarantee of the United States, the foreign office says, arbitration in the Venezuela matter would be an immediate probability, but, with only the word of a government hitherto unreliable, arbitration is difficult of accepting even upon the points where international relations admit of such a method of settlement.

ITALY SEVERS RELATIONS.

Minister Receives Orders to Hand Venezuela an Ultimatum.

Caracas, Dec. 17.—The Italian minister to Venezuela, Signor de Riva, has received orders to leave Caracas in the morning. He will go on board the Italian cruiser Giovanni Bausan at La Guayra.

Signor de Riva has been instructed by his government to present to the government of Venezuela Italy's demand for the immediate payment of \$542,000 to meet the Italian claims arising from former revolutions in the form of an ultimatum. Italy will take part in future demonstrations against Venezuela.

The interests of Italy in Venezuela will be placed in the hands of United States Minister Bowen. The Italian colony in Caracas is a numerous one.

SPAIN AND BELGIUM NOW.

Ask Venezuela For Same Treatment Accorded Other Powers.

Caracas, Dec. 17.—The Spanish minister to Venezuela, Signor Gaytan de Ayala, and the Belgium charge d'affaires, M. Van der Heyde, have presented a joint letter to the Venezuelan minister of foreign affairs in which they ask, in case the claims of foreign powers are paid by Venezuela, that the same treatment given these powers be accorded to Spain and Belgium.

CAN AFFORD TO WAIT.

Arbitration Not Acceptable to Germany at Present.

Cologne, Dec. 17.—The Cologne Gazette publishes a dispatch from Berlin which says it is doubtful if at the present stage of the Venezuelan difficulty, arbitration can be considered by Germany. Germany can afford to wait, the dispatch adds, the outcome of a situation that is very uncomfortable for President Castro.

STILL THEY COME.

Holland and Denmark to Present Claims Against Venezuela.

London, Dec. 17.—Rumors are current in Brussels and Copenhagen that Holland and Denmark are about to present their claims to Venezuela for a settlement.

ANSWER ANXIOUSLY AWAITED.

Caracas Eagerly Looking For Reply to Arbitration Proposal.

Caracas, Dec. 17.—It was learned at the foreign office during the day that the proposal of arbitration made by President Castro through Mr. Bowen specifies no terms and proposes to arbitrate all pending questions. An answer to the proposal is anxiously awaited here.

Italian Ultimatum Presented.

Caracas, Dec. 17.—Signor de Riva, the Italian minister, presented Italy's ultimatum to Venezuela at 5 o'clock p. m.

CREATES A SENSATION.

Samuel Gompers Testifies Before Anthracite Commission.

Seranton, Pa., Dec. 17.—Notwithstanding the fact that the mine workers announced that they had closed their case with the exception of calling one more witness, the entire two sessions of the anthracite commission during the day were consumed in hearing three witnesses for the men. They were John C. Haddock, an individual operator; Rev. Dr. Peter Roberts, who is assisting the miners, and President Samuel Gompers of the American Federation of Labor. The principal point in Mr. Haddock's testimony was that he favored giving the mine workers concessions under certain conditions. President Gompers testified as an expert on the trade union movement. He created a stir when he strongly implied during his examination that the coal companies are responsible for bringing immigrants to the coal regions. When one of the lawyers for the coal companies asked him if he knew it from personal knowledge, he said he could prove it if necessary.

The miners made another attempt to have the commission admit as evidence a large mass of testimony tending to show that the anthracite coal carrying roads charge extortionate and discriminating freight rates and that a monopoly exists in the anthracite mining industry which keeps the wages of men at an unnaturally low level. The commission again decided that the evidence must be limited to the scope of the commission and that if it did take up the claims made in the evidence proposed to be submitted the justice of the mine workers' demands would still remain.

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MERGER BRANCHING OUT.

Alleged the Northern Securities Is Getting the Wisconsin Central.

Chicago, Dec. 17.—The Record-Herald says: There is a general belief in Western railroad circles that the Northern Securities company has acquired or is acquiring a controlling interest in the Wisconsin Central railroad. Affairs in the traffic world have been shaping themselves of late in a manner that would clearly indicate that if James J. Hill is not the owner of a large share of Wisconsin Central stock that railroad is working in close harmony with the Northern lines.

When in Chicago last week Mr. Hill was asked if he owned the road or if the Northern Securities company is acquiring it, and replied:

"I do not own the road, nor do I want it. I have enough railroads for the present to keep me busy."

However, it would not surprise a great many well-informed railroad men if the announcement of the Hill control of the Wisconsin Central should soon come.

HAVE BUBONIC PLAGUE.

Three Scamen Held in Swinburne Island Hospital.

New York, Dec. 17.—Three cases of bubonic plague are under treatment in the Swinburne Island hospital at quarantine. The sufferers are the first and second cooks and the second steward of the Prince line steamer Saxon Prince, which arrived from Durban, South Africa, Monday.

EIGHTEEN GYPSIES FROZEN.

Many Other Persons Also Perish From Cold in Hungary.

Vienna, Dec. 17.—Eighteen gypsies, who were camped at Blaseney, near Arad, Hungary, have been frozen to death. Many persons in other parts of the country also have met death as a result of the intense cold weather prevailing.

MERGER HEARING RESUMED.

President and Vice President of the Burlington Testify.

St. Paul, Dec. 17.—George B. Harris, president, and Darius C. Miller, vice president and general traffic manager of the Burlington system, were the only witnesses examined during the day in the hearing of the case of the state against the Northern Securities company. The attorneys were slow in getting together and the witnesses who came here from Chicago were also late in arriving, it being almost 11 o'clock before the hearing was commenced. Attorney M. D. Munn questioned the witnesses in behalf of the state, Attorney General Douglas and General Wilson acting as advisors.

President Harris testified that rates have a downward tendency caused by great enlargement of the volume of traffic.

Darius C. Miller, formerly traffic manager of the Great Northern, was on the stand an hour and a half, and was questioned by the state regarding the circumstances under which he changed from the Great Northern to the Burlington, and his duties at the present time.

Mr. Miller said that the relations of the Burlington with the Great Northern and Northern Pacific were about the same as with other roads with which the Burlington had connections.

The witness in answer to a question by Attorney Munn, stated that he did not know whether or not any rate had been raised directly or indirectly by changes in classification along the Great Northern or Northern Pacific roads, but he was aware of reductions having been made because he had a hand in making them.

Crew of Sixteen Drowned.

London, Dec. 17.—Sixteen men, officers and crew of the British coal steamer Marlay, are believed to have been drowned as a result of the foundering of their vessel half way between Liverpool and Dublin.

POSTPONED UNTIL JANUARY.

Court martial of Major Glenn Continued at Manila.

Manila, Dec. 17.—The trial by court martial of Captain Rogers of the Twenty-seventh infantry, charged with using disrespectful language to General Davis, was concluded during the day. The verdict is not known, but it is doubted that the court took a serious view of the case.

The trial of Major Glenn of the Fifth Infantry has been postponed until January.

REVOLUTION BREWING.

Caracas Editors Arrested For Alleged Complicity.

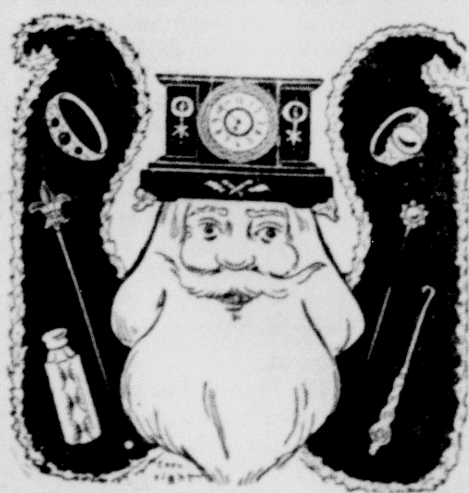
Paris, Dec. 17.—The Matin publishes a dispatch from Caracas saying that the editors of the principal papers in the Venezuelan capital have been arrested on account of their alleged complicity in a revolutionary movement which is now being furthered. Some of the revolutionary leaders have refused to make common cause with President Castro in his preparations to resist possible invasion.

TO GO TO VENEZUELA.

Filibustering Party Being Organized in Montana.

Butte, Mont., Dec. 17.—It is stated upon what appears to be good authority that a filibustering party is being organized to go to Venezuela. It is said at least one well armed company, all crack shots and old mountain men, will go South in a few days. A number of Spanish war veterans and several veterans of the Fenian invasion of Canada are among the men enlisted.

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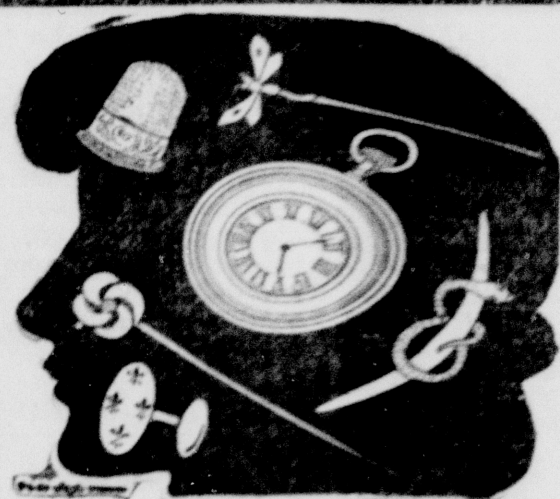
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REED AND THE BARBER

Ex-Speaker's Novel Experience In a Hotel.

AN AMUSING CHAT WITH A NEGRO

How the Big Man from Maine Once Addressed a Talkative Townsfolk Artist Who Tried to Draw Him Out—A Story of His Boyhood Days, Reply to a Car Conductor.

Among the many stories told about ex-Speaker Thomas B. Reed the following account of his experience in a barber's chair may prove of interest:

Mr. Reed reclined in a hotel barber shop chair one afternoon looking like an aproned Buddha far plunged in contemplation of the limitations of the infinite, relates the Washington Post. Inscrutably gleamed steadily from his penetrating eyes. He seemed to reek not that the burly, selfish world was amove. He gazed with a continuously focused gaze upon the knob of the barber shop door—whether attempting to hypnotize himself or to hypnotize the knob, who knows?—and he spoke no word to the grinning black barber with teeth like peeled almonds who swept the scissors with zephyr touch through the colorless wisp of hair that faintly fringed the after part of the great man's skull. The disinclination of Mr. Reed to be discursive was not according to the barber's ideas of things. He attempted to draw the great man out, perhaps in order to bequeath a legacy of epigrams to posterity. The great man only grunted monosyllabic replies and resumed his reverie. Then the barber decided to switch the conversation to the subject of Mr. Reed's hirsute peculiarities.

"Yo' hahuh's sut'nly thinnin' out a heap, suh," said he.
"Um-m!" said Mr. Reed.
"Teenchy bit o' tonic do it whole lot o' good, suh."
"Um-m! No."
"Bin bald on de top o' yo' head long, suh?"

Mr. Reed did not remove his gaze from the doorknob as he drawled: "I came into the world that way. Then I had an interval of comparative hirsute luxuriance, but it was not enduring. I have long since emerged from the grief of the deprivation. It no longer afflicts me. Do not permit it to weigh upon you."

The black barber studied over this for awhile, apparently without fully apprehending its meaning, however.
"Yo' hahuh'd look some bettuh, suh, ef yo' kep' it long in de back laik," he said after a few moments of silence.

Reed removed his gaze from the doorknob, fastened it upon the ceiling, cleared his throat and spoke again.

"Let me assure you, my tonsorial friend," said he, "that the appearance of my hair, as I have been accustomed to wearing it, is eminently satisfactory to myself and, perhaps I might also say, to my constituents. What little hair still adorns my head I have possessed for a long time. I know it well. I have been on familiar terms with it for many years. I have inadvertently mingled spruce gum and chewing tar with it in my years of extreme youth. I have often sun dried it in order to present a proper not guilty appearance at home after surreptitious swimming expeditions. I have had it pulled the wrong way by boys whom I only learned to thrash afterward. At the same period of my life I even endured the ignominy of having it cut—in ascending tiers—by experimental maiden nuns. The consequence of all this is that that bit of remaining hair and I are old and, I trust, inseparable friends. I indulge the hair, and the hair indulges me by permitting me to wear it after my own conception of the way it ought to be worn, and I indulge the hair by firmly declining to have it trifled with by gentlemen of the scissors who possess artistic ideas more bizarre than my own. I fear I'll have to ask you to indulge us both—the hair and me. Cut it the way I directed you to cut it."

The black barber looked dazed. When the great man left the shop, the barber mumbled: "Speaku! Ah should say he all is a speaku!"

One day Mr. Reed was in a great hurry to get out of Philadelphia, not that he loved the Quaker City less than New York, but because he had an important business engagement in the latter city. Arriving at the depot just about train time, he got pretty well tangled up in a rather thrilling experience for a man of his weight. He was making for the train gate at quite a lusty pace when he was buttonholed, actually, by a wiry little old man, who looked as though he might have come from West Chester.

"Why, how are you, Tom?" exclaimed the whiskered party, shaking the politician's reluctantly extended hand.

"Eb—why, I think you've got the best of me—I don't remember you," returned Mr. Reed, sort of perturbed, for he could see that he had but a half minute to spare.

"Well, if that don't beat all!"—"You'll have to pardon me. I've got to make my train," interrupted Reed.

"Don't be in a hurry," insisted the other, taking a firm grip on the ex-speaker's lapel. "You'll think who I am in a minute."

"But I haven't time to think." Mr. Reed shook himself loose and started for the gate. He heard a little bell tinkle, and the gate closed in his face.

"Let me through!" cried Mr. Reed excitedly.
The man at the gate paid no heed to him. Close at hand was an open gate for a local train. Mr. Reed rushed through it and trotted down the platform after the express, which was just getting under way. He was breathing

hard, but he managed to make a final spurt and clutch the rail of the last car. Yet he was not out of the woods for he found it was one thing to have and other to hold and still another to get aboard. He was swinging behind like the tail of a kite when the brakeman came to his rescue. He caught Mr. Reed by the collar and tried to drag him aboard. The brakeman would have failed in his noble effort had he not been aided by two porters, who gallantly shoved from behind while the brakeman pulled from above. The job was finished, though not without damage to Mr. Reed's apparel and at the expense of much perspiration.

As Mr. Reed stood on the back platform mopping his brow he could see the figure of his old forgotten acquaintance at the gateway, and above the rumble of the train he heard these words:

"I used to be your milkman!"

Reed was fond of telling this story of his boyhood days:

"It was one of our customs in school for each boy who had lived up to the rules to ring his bell upon going out. One time I left for three days in succession without ringing.

"Of course the master noticed the omission, and I knew I would hear from him.

"Tom," he said, "is this an inadvertence?" "No, sir." "Did you break the rules?" "Yes, sir, because they are too hard." "Well, my boy, if the rules are too hard you know you can leave the school."

"I hung my head, and after a few minutes of terrible silence the teacher went away, saying as he went, 'Tom, never let me hear of this again.' 'No, sir,' I replied, and I meant to keep my word.

"I was not a good boy at school, but I knew that education was good for me, and a threat of dismissal always had the necessary effect."

One more of Reed's characteristic sallies may bear quotation. A friend tendered him his sympathies upon one occasion.

"Don't sympathize with me!" he cried. "You must not sympathize with any one. It is out of style, and the only place you can find sympathy now is in the dictionary."

On a recently bitter cold night in New York Reed was riding on a street car when the conductor negligently left the door open. The speaker beckoned the man to him and asked:

"Why have you your collar turned up, my friend?"

"Because I want to keep warm," responded the conductor.

"So do the rest of us," observed the speaker. "Suppose you shut the door." It is needless to add that the passengers were comfortable during the remainder of the trip.

While walking up Broadway in New York below Fourteenth street one day Mr. Reed commented upon the strange names on the signboards and did not become happy until he caught the name O'Shaughnessy over a saloon.

"Thank heavens, there are some Americans living in New York!" he said.

EFFECT OF ARMY RATIONS.

Porto Rican Soldiers Grew Taller After Eating Them Six Months.

W. K. Landis, who is postmaster at San Juan, Porto Rico, is in Washington on a visit to his brother, Representative Landis of Indiana, says the Philadelphia Ledger and Times correspondent. Referring to a recently published statement to the effect that the uniforms sent the rural guards in the Philippines were proving too small in consequence of the abundance and excellence of the army ration, Mr. Landis gave an interesting illustration of the effect of the army ration on the Porto Rican soldiers:

"The Porto Rican battalion," said he, "composed of men over twenty-one, thoroughly matured, was selected after a thorough physical examination. The height of the men was taken in their stocking feet and carefully recorded. A physical examination made six months later by the same system of measurement showed that the men had increased in height an average of one-quarter of an inch as a result of regular meals of army rations. Perhaps the drill had something to do with making them erect and firm, but in any event it was a remarkable result of army methods."

THE MODERN SAMSON.

Santa Claus must be a Samson. Else he'd surely break his back bearing up the mighty burden Of his ponderous Christmas pack. When I think of all the presents That he hung upon our tree And the many, many children, What a giant he must be!

Blocks and animals and candies, Fruit and toys he scattered here; What a heavy, awkward bundle For the driver and the deer! Why, the good old saint must have a Hundred arms where'er he goes And a half a hundred pockets In his furry Christmas clothes!

In the olden days when children Numbered but a very few Santa's pack was light and easy, And he hadn't much to do; Now the land is full of chimneys, And around each cheery hearth Merry children wait his coming Over all the joyful earth.

Atlas, in the ancient fable, Bore the world upon his neck; Samson turned the marble temple Of his foemen to a wreck, But the giants that we read of— All of them have passed away, Leaving Santa, only Santa, Never stronger than today!

Does he spend the year in training For his great December feat? Does his burden seem the lighter Just because it is so sweet? Ah, I cannot give an answer, But I know that once a year Some immortal ghost of Samson Empties out his bundle here! —Aloysius Coll in New York Commercial Advertiser.

IN A MODERATE VEIN

SENATE IN EXECUTIVE SESSION

DISCUSSES THE VENEZUELAN IMBROGLIO.

CAN TAKE NO EXCEPTION

While There Was a General Agreement That Great Britain and Germany Have Taken Strenuous Methods to Collect Their Debts, Yet They Have Not Infringed on the Monroe Doctrine.

Washington, Dec. 17.—The Venezuelan question occupied the attention of the senate in executive session during the day for almost an hour. The question came up informally almost immediately after the house was excluded. Senator Teller, disclaiming all intention of being critical and saying he merely desired information, asked Senator Cullom, chairman of the committee on foreign relations, what information he possessed as to the Venezuela affair. Mr. Teller inquiring said that the situation is such that senators felt that the Monroe doctrine at any time might become involved if the complication continued. Senator Cullom replied to the inquiry that he had no knowledge of recent events not contained in the house prints. Messrs. Bacon, Hoar, Lodge and Stewart all made remarks. In none of the addresses was anything harsh or critical said. The tone of all the speeches, whether by Republicans or Democrats, was that of our position as a nation should be one of watchfulness. There was a general agreement that while the means adopted by Great Britain and Germany for the collection of their debts had been quite strenuous, they thus far had committed no infringement on the Monroe doctrine and therefore had done nothing to which the United States could take exception.

This was the position of Senator Cullom, as it was of other senators who spoke. Mr. Cullom said that much light as to the attitude of the administration could be obtained by consulting the correspondence between the state department and the German ambassador a year ago. He then called attention to the fact that on Dec. 10, 1901, the representative of Emperor William had brought the Matter of Venezuela's Debts

and her apparent indifference to them to the attention of the secretary of state. The German ambassador in his letter gave the department complete information from the German standpoint of the position of his government. He said that for seven years Venezuela had failed to pay interest on a debt to Germany of about \$5,000,000 contracted in the construction of a railroad and that in addition there were other debts amounting to about \$1,700,000 due German citizens from Venezuela, which had proved impossible to collect. He added that every known peaceable means had been tried to secure the money and that his government, feeling that patience had ceased to be a virtue, had decided to use coercive means. It was desired, however, he said, that it should be explicitly understood that whatever steps might be taken by his country, there was no desire to encroach or interfere with the Monroe doctrine. This explanation, he added, he thought was due the United States as the only purpose of his government was to assist its people in collecting debts due them. Secretary Hay replied Dec. 16, 1901, saying in effect that the Monroe doctrine was not intended to shield any American nation from the payment of its honest debts and that its purpose was to prevent the acquisition of territory by old world nations.

When Senator Cullom had concluded Senator Lodge called attention to the declaration attributed to Lord Lansdowne by the day's dispatches that there is no disposition or desire on the part of Great Britain to acquire any Venezuelan territory.

WITHIN EASY RANGE.

Dewey's Warships Will Rendezvous Close to Venezuela.

Washington, Dec. 17.—Disposition of the men-of-war of Admiral Dewey's fleet during the holidays is to be made under the direction of the secretary of the navy, in view of the increasing complications arising in connection with Venezuela, and the wishes of this government not to arouse suspicion unnecessarily by dispatching a large naval force to Venezuelan waters. Orders are now in preparation for the various vessels and will be forwarded to the admiral in the next day or two.

No reflection upon Admiral Dewey is intended by the navy department in deciding to give up the orders for his ships instead of giving him a free hand in the matter, as it was expected would be done. That there may be a thorough co-operation of the navy with the state department in the handling of the Venezuelan situation, however, it seemed that the question could be more satisfactorily settled here, as the navy department is in possession of all the facts regarding the action of the allied powers, and danger of conflicting with the policy of the state department will be averted.

The situation has grown so acute within the past few days that both state and navy department officials are agreed that it will not be unwise to rendezvous the fleet in ports within easy range of the Venezuelan coast.

Engineer Instantly Killed.

Owatonna, Minn., Dec. 17.—When passenger train No. 503 on the Northwestern line entered the station during the afternoon it was backed down upon by a freight train. The engineer of the passenger train was almost instantly killed, his legs being mangled, abdomen crushed and head cut open. The fireman was only slightly injured.

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MIRNS of the NATIONAL CAPITAL

[Special Correspondence.]
Washington, Dec. 15.—Secretary Hay, who, by the way, has had much of late to ruffle his temper in connection with the negotiation of a Panama canal treaty with the Colombian government, is one of the most dignified and suave



SAY, SPORT, FERRY OVER THE CONFEC-TIONERY."

of men, though he has a no less keen sense of humor than when he wrote "Pike County Ballads." At the cabinet meeting the other day he told a story of an experience on a recent trip to New York that can hardly fail to provoke a smile on the part of those who know the characteristics of our diplomatic secretary of state. He went over on a mid-night train and

in the morning stopped at the station restaurant in Jersey City for a cup of coffee. While he was drinking his coffee and nibbling a roll a large red faced man who was not at all im-pressed by dignity nudged the secre-tary of state with a vigorous elbow and, pointing to the sugar, said:

"Say, sport, ferry over the confec-tionery, will you?"

The relations of President Roosevelt and his cabinet are of course of the most cordial nature, but there are frequently differ-ences of opinion as to minor questions of polit-ical policy which lead to rather spirited debate. This suits the president, as he likes to have the members of his cabinet speak their minds frank-ly, even when differing from him. The most frequent of these "quarrels" is between the president and the secretary of war, who, though the closest personal friends, are sometimes at odds on public questions.

It is no secret, for instance, that Sec-retary Root opposed the president's plan to settle the coal strike and argued strenuously to dissuade him from inter-posing. It is also known that Sec-retary Root differed with the president as to certain recommendations in the late message to congress, and the mat-ter was fought out with the vigor and frankness characteristic of the two men.

During the days when the message was being discussed in cabinet sessions, with more or less of strenuousness and divergency of view, Postmaster Gen-eral Payne thought to give a dinner to the president and the other members of the cabinet and of course sent an invitation to Secretary Root, who re-turned this reply:

"I shall be glad to attend your dinner and meet the president on a friendly basis."

At the opening of congress Chaplain Couden said in his invocation:

"To this end let thy blessings descend in full measure upon our presi-dent and his advisers, on the congress now con-vened and upon the de-partment of justice, that in all these branches thy will may be done and righteousness, peace and prosperity prevail."

Just why the department of justice and incidentally its head, Attorney General Knox, should have been singled out from the other executive de-partments as a subject for prayer is not known. Representative Shattue of Ohio explains it this way:

"The chaplain probably meant to say the supreme court, or else he remem-bered that the attorney general is from Pennsylvania and needs all the help he can get."

About the capitol cloakrooms and hotel corridors there is an unusual display of senatorial humor in which southern senators figure. It is related that a certain statesman from the south visited Oyster Bay while that place was the temporary national capital and went to one of the Long Island resorts and spent the

night. The season was aging rapidly, and the weather was chilly. The next morning the senator complained bitterly of the suffering he had endured that night on account of the cold.

"Couldn't you get any extra bed-clothes?" inquired a sympathetic by-stander.

"No, suh," was the mournful reply. "I got up and tried to find a comforter, but when I got downstairs I found the far was closed up."

Just before congress reassembled Representatives Grosvenor of Ohio and Champ Clark of Missouri had a joint debate in a western New York town. They were saying all manner of mean things about each other and giving the Democratic and Republican parties the mischief. Finally they became person-al and made uncomplimentary remarks about each other. The audience thought they were coming to blows.

"This 'll be great reading for the boys,"

General Grosvenor left the stand arm in arm.

The people gaped in astonishment.

"I'm going back home," said Thom-as Shevlin, the Republican national committeeman from Min-nesota, to Senator Clapp of that state, whom he was visiting in the na-tional capital, the other day. "I've only been here three days, and I have already lost my identi-ty."

Senator Clapp returned a mild protest.

"Oh, yes," said Shevlin, "it's true. I had hardly registered at the hotel be-fore somebody came up to me and said, 'How do you do, Colonel James Hamil-ton Lewis?' And as I was walking down the street a young chap pointed me out and said, 'There goes the father of the greatest football player in Amer-ica,' meaning my son."

"When I am taken for Ham Lewis and pointed out as my son's father within an hour, it is time for me to go back to the lumber yard."

Postmaster General Payne, who lives at one of the principal Washington ho-tels, got to figuring up his living expenses the other night. After think-ing over the subject he went to his landlord and said:

"Here I get \$8,000 a year salary. How much am I going to have left out of that at the end of a year if I stay with you and practice rigid economy?"

"Um—\$8,000, you say," mused the boniface, with never a quaver in his voice. "Well, if you pin yourself down pretty close that \$8,000 will last you about two months and twenty days at this hotel."

It is rumored now that Mr. Payne is in favor of at least doubling the salary of all heads of departments.

The importance of Uncle Joe Cannon as a factor in congressional legislation was aptly illustrated in the house the other day when that body took a recess for ten minutes be-cause he was not in his seat and could not be found.

The bill appropriating \$50,000 for the expenses of the anthracite coal strike commis-sion was to be called up. Speaker Hen-derson looked inquiringly at Cannon's seat. It was vacant. The house sat still and did nothing for three minutes. Then Representative Payne of New York, the Republican leader, said solemnly:

"Mr. Speaker, I move that the house take a recess for ten minutes, or until Mr. Cannon can be found."

Messengers scurried in all directions. The committee rooms, the library, the barber shop and the restaurant were searched. Finally Cannon was found in the document room, where he was looking up some books for a constitu-ent. He came sprinting down the cen-ter aisle, and the house came to order and business proceeded. Meantime Uncle Joe smiled like a schoolboy who has been caught in the jam jar.

The other day a diminutive boy, clad in a blue flannel shirt, corduroy knee pants and a sombrero and riding a tiny calico pony which loped along at a fu-rious speed of perhaps three miles an hour, came clat-tering down F street and as he entered the prin-cipal shopping district encoun-tered a stout, handsomely dressed elderly woman who ap-peared utterly incapable of making up her mind whether to proceed or retreat. With considerable difficulty the small boy avoid-ed a collision and rode on, but the flustered and irate woman rushed to the police-man on the cor-ner, exclaiming: "See that horrid little brat! He almost rode me down! He ought to be arrested, and I insist that you lock him up at once!"

"Madam," said the officer, "that is the president's son Archie, and I couldn't arrest him. He wasn't riding half as fast as the law allows."

"Was that Archie Roosevelt? Why, the little dear! I'm so glad to have seen him! So like his father, too!" was the reply, which astonished the guard-ian of the law.

SAMUEL HUBBARD.

About Ostrich Feathers.

"Many persons in this country believe that women should not wear ostrich feathers because taking the feathers from the birds is supposed to be very painful," says a South African dealer. "Nothing could be further from the truth. Feathers are taken out once a year, and the birds suffer no pain from the plucking. The ostrich is raised for commercial purposes on great tracts of land, which are fenced in and called camps. It is easy to raise the birds. They are quite hardy and multiply rapidly. Some ostrich hens make as many as five or six nests a year, and the number of eggs in a nest varies from twelve to seventeen. Ostrich raisers make their profits almost exclusively from the sale of feathers. There is little market for the birds."—Washington Post.

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Why He Favors Salary Increase

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CLEVELAND'S FAMOUS STREET

[Special Correspondence.]
Cleveland, O., Dec. 15.—This is an age of magnificent homes as well as of great wealth, and nowhere are these evidences of affluence and artistic taste more abundant than in the Forest City. There is perhaps no other city on this continent that can boast of a single street having on it so many fine resi-dences as Euclid avenue. There may be elsewhere long rows of more costly houses, with more elaborate interiors, but nowhere, I think, is there such a continuity of really magnificent homes as those which for miles line this famous avenue. Its fame does not lie merely in splendid architectural conceits nor in lofty and imposing piles of masonry, though some of the houses on the avenue rival in splendor the famed palaces of Europe, but in the spacious and beautiful grounds which surround them.

The essential element of Euclid avenue's beauty is the goodly and well preserved remnant of the once exten-sive forests which covered considerable portions of the shores of Lake Erie and from which the city gets its patro-nymic.

Starting near the municipal build-ings on Superior street, in the heart of the city, Euclid avenue runs eastward, extending miles out into the open country far beyond the present limits of the city, and is a part of the old main thoroughfare from Cleveland to Buffalo. Euclid avenue acquired its almost worldwide reputation more than a decade ago, when its beauty was even more marked than it is today.

On this avenue are the homes of many men of national and some of international note. John D. Rockefeller usually spends his summers here, and Charles F. Bush, the inventor of the are light, is the owner of one of the most conspicuous residences. Tom L. Johnson, Cleveland's mayor and Dem-ocratic leader, resides on a prominent corner. The home of W. J. White, who became many times a millionaire

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THE EUCLID AVENUE BAPTIST CHURCH. (Of which John D. Rockefeller is an ac-tive member.)

by the manufacture and sale of Yucatan chewing gum, is the house that was formerly occupied by Samuel Andrews, who, with Rockefeller, founded the Standard Oil company.

Perhaps the most beautiful place on the avenue in the scenic splendor and picturesqueness of grounds and envi-ronments is the home of J. H. Wade, one of Cleveland's richest men, from whom Wade park takes its name. In both land and water scenery and artistic embellishments Wade park is one of the most beautiful in the country. Here stands the monument to Com-modore Perry commemorating the famous victory on Lake Erie, which is annu-ally visited by thousands of sightseers. To the zoological gardens of this park prominent showmen throughout the United States have recently contrib-uted rare animals. Opposite the Euclid avenue entrance to Wade park stands Western Reserve university and to the west Lake View cemetery, where on an eminence commanding a magnif-icent view is the imposing and artistic monument to the memory of the late President Garfield.

Beyond this is the summer home of John D. Rockefeller, the grounds of which are the largest of any abutting on this famous avenue. They have a frontage of about a thousand feet and extend back for nearly two miles. Once Mr. Rockefeller lived farther toward the city.

Tom L. Johnson's residence on this avenue is a fine stone structure. About the grounds are spacious driveways.

Two of Cleveland's most swell and exclusive clubs are on Euclid avenue. One of these is the Union club, where Marcus A. Hanna receives the returns on election nights. Mr. Hanna is one of the principal members of this club. The other, which is much finer, at least in exterior appearance, than that at which Mr. Hanna is so often found, is the house of the Colonial club.

Euclid avenue is notable, too, for its churches, among them St. Paul's and the First Baptist church. John D. Rockefeller is an active member of the latter and superintendent of its Sunday school. The church building is of stone. It is an old edifice, scarcely modern on the outside, but in interior arrangement is strictly up to date.

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STORIES OF AUTHORS.

Mark Twain's First Lecture—Le Gal-lienne as a Bicyclist.
[Special Correspondence.]

New York, Dec. 15.—Since the pro-duction of a dramatized version of "Huckleberry Finn" a story has gained circulation with Mark Twain as its cen-tral figure. It appears that Twain was assisted in stringing the incidents from "Tom Sawyer" and "Huckleberry Finn" together by Lee Arthur, a young playwright, and that by the time Ar-thur and the stage manager got



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KAISER AS A HUNTER.

German Emperor Happiest When Following the Chase.

Emperor William's joking to Arch-bishop White about President Roose-velt's bad luck in hunting bear, while he himself was having rare good luck slaughtering game in England, calls at-tention to a passion which is remark-able when one considers that the em-peror can use but one arm in shooting, says the Berlin correspondent of the New York World.

The emperor is one of the most ardent hunters in Europe. He is happiest when living in one of his six hunting lodges, where he never appears in uni-form. He wears a gray green hunting suit and a soft felt hat of the same color, with a chamois beard stuck into the band. He has just completed thirty years as huntsman and sportsman and celebrated the event by sending to every gamekeeper on his numerous estates some token of his regard in presents ranging from gold watches and jeweled scarf pins to the right to shoot a hare at Christmas.

It is a pleasure to see his majesty on a hunting expedition. It is a mistake to suppose that he is spared all the fatigues of hunting or that he wishes to be spared them. He takes his stand among the hunters and rejects all privileges and all advantages offered him. At a recent wild boar drive he shot thirty-six out of forty which rushed past his stand, a total which was not reached by any other of the hunters. This touches a sore point, for unerring shots on other occasions become shocking bad shots when the emperor is present. It is court etiquette not to make a bag approaching in bulk that which the emperor makes.

For big game the emperor uses a six or an eight millimeter rifle. It seldom happens that wounded game escapes him. What he shoots either falls im-mediately or falls at a distance of from thirty to fifty yards. At his side he wears a dagger and on his hip a re-volver in a red leather case. Behind his majesty in constant attendance is Baron von Heintze, the court hunt-man, and behind the baron two rifle carriers, whose duty it is to load and hand the weapons to the emperor.

Enough Said.

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Weather.
Fair to-night and to-morrow.
Warmer.
WASHINGTON is feeling the coal shortage and the solons shiver.

At Stillwater two men were fined in the courts for failing to carry out their agreement to work in the logging camps of James McGrath after he had furnished them with transportation, the judge fixing the penalty at \$25 each and thirty days in jail.

LOCAL NEWS NOTES.

Mrs. Fraser Smith left for the north over the M. & I. this afternoon.

Mrs. F. M. Chadbourne, mother of G. W. Chadbourne, is visiting in the city for a few days.

E. H. Simmons came in from the east last night and is calling on the trade in the city today.

L. J. Romdenne came in from St. Cloud this afternoon and left on the M. & I. for Blackduck, his home.

If you want to help give a New Years dinner for the needy poor send your donation to the Salvation Army at once.

Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Lafoie left this afternoon for West Superior where they expect to make their home in the future.

J. R. O'Malley, of Aitkin, who has been running the Foley house for a few years, will engage in the sacon business in that city.

Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Opsahl moved yesterday afternoon to a house on Fifth street south, having rented the upper floor of the Opsahl building on Seventh street.

Auditor Mahlum is very busy these days figuring out the levies for the various school districts in the county. This is an arduous task and considerable midnight oil is being consumed.

Now that sleighing is much better wood is becoming more plentiful on the market and it is thought that the price will be affected, beneficial to the consumer. Wood has been pretty high this fall, seasoned Jack pine selling all the fall for \$3.50 per cord.

Brainerd Elks meet in regular session tomorrow evening, Thursday, December 18. Several prominent men from Aitkin, Walker and Park Rapids will do the best they can under the circumstances. A social session and banquet will follow the initiations.

There was a deal on yesterday between Graham Bros. and J. M. Hayes for the transfer of the grocery stock and fixtures to the latter, but it fell through. Mr. Hayes sold out to Graham Bros. about a year ago, and moved out on a farm, but it is reported that he wants to get back into the city again.

Jerome Kelleher returned from the north this morning.
Hon. A. F. Ferris went down to St. Paul this afternoon on No. 6.
Dr. McDonald left this afternoon for Aitkin on professional business.
Editor Cox, of the Arena, left for St. Paul this afternoon on business.
Matt Nurenberg returned from the north this morning and left on No. 6 for St. Cloud.

Miss Onolee McCullough returned this afternoon from an extended visit in Kentucky.

W. H. Cleary, of the firm of Cleary McGinnis & Hemstead, left for Aitkin this afternoon.

Mrs. Julia K. McFadden, who has been slightly indisposed for a day or two, was able to be out today.

Dr. Courtney's new residence has been completed and is a model of beauty and architectural designs.

Mrs. T. J. Tyler and daughter, Miss Jessie Tyler, left for the Twin cities this afternoon for a few days visit.

The bowling party given last night at the Metropolitan alley was enjoyed by several young society people of the city.

Mrs. Walters, mother of R. F. Walters, returned from Staples this afternoon where she has been visiting for some time.

Mr. and Mrs. Archie Purdy left this afternoon for Petrolia, Canada, where they will spend the holidays. This is their old home.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Yager arrived in the city this afternoon from Minneapolis for a visit with Mrs. Yager's parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. K. Whiteley.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Canfield are expected in the city to spend the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Pearce. Mrs. Canfield is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Pearce.

There was a meeting last night of the committees having in charge the big Elk dance to be given on Jan. 9. The event will be one of the most elaborate of the kind in years and everything is being arranged on a very large scale.

The carpenters working at the N. P. depot have about completed the work of partitioning the waiting rooms off so that the public gets a fair idea how the place is to look. The work is being pushed to completion as rapidly as possible and it is expected that the ladies waiting room on the east side of the building will be ready for occupancy in about a week or ten days.

The special edition of the Scientific American, devoted to Transportation on Land and Sea, cannot fail to attract widespread interest, both because of the very handsome manner in which it is gotten up and on account of the voluminous amount of information that it contains. It is safe to say that anyone that reads it carefully through will find himself thoroughly posted both as to the magnitude and high quality of our railroads and shipping. The Scientific American has its own characteristic way of presenting what some people might call dry statistical matter in an interesting form, and the present number is no exception to the rule. Both artist and editor have collaborated to certainly very good effect, and we believe the number will meet everywhere with hearty reception.

Milliners Have Their Trouble.
Many a young lady who imagines that to be a milliner, and to work among the pretty artificial flowers and plumes is glorious, is only dreaming, for the average milliner has trouble galore. There is perhaps no class of people living who are so willing to admit the whimsical of the gentle sex as the milliners themselves.

As an illustration of what they have to contend with, a story of a lady who entered a popular millinery establishment a few days ago to have an old hat trimmed up, was told this morning to a DISPATCH reporter. A woman came in with an old hat that looked like a lone cold slap-jack on a January morning. "Now I want you to fix this up in the latest style. That plume is a beautiful thing and cost a heap of money. And that buckle was bought at considerable expense a few years ago and I want that worked in. And here is a piece of velvet that I had taken out of a dress when I was a little girl. Now fix that hat up and be sure not to make it cost much." Of course the milliner smiles a pleasant adieu and all the while she is using her wits while her customer is talking with the nonchalance of an heiress, to try and put things together to suit. The plume is about the size of a hen's feather, the buckle looks as though it had been used on a work harness and the piece of velvet looks like a canceled Canadian postage stamp. "O well" said the milliner, "we just put things together as best we can, and it is strange to think what tastes some people have, but if it was not for this fact our troubles would be all the greater."

Officers Elected.
Brainerd Lodge, of the International Association of Machinists, has elected the following officers for the ensuing year:
President—Wilford Salmon.
Vice Pres.—S. E. Gardner.
Cor. Sec.—Alex McCarthy.
Fin. Sec.—C. D. McKay.
Trustees—J. S. McDonald, T. R. Carney, Emil Martin, J. H. Schweer and Harry Kimball.

Disappeared From Home.
Chief of Police Sargent has received a letter dated Marblehead, Ohio, from Rev. J. H. Hull in which he asks assistance in locating his son who is eighteen years of age.

He left for Northern Minnesota on November 18, but no trace of him can be found.

He is described as nearly 18 years of age, height about 5 feet 10 inches, weight about 135 pounds, smooth face, light complexion, bluish eyes, heavy straight brown hair, prominent eyebrows and features, and in manner kind, intelligent and gentlemanly. He carried a silver hunting case watch and was dressed in a dark striped suit of mixed goods and wore a blue cap, neglige shirt and celluloid collar.

You are sure to see the best of everything in the Christmas line at H. P. DUNN & CO.

WHY suffer with that severe cold when Dr. Booth's German Liniment will relieve and practically cure you in one night. It is the noted excellent remedy for rheumatism, colds, colic, cramps or any kind of pains, aches or swellings. Try some when Mrs. R. D. Ransom calls upon you. 161t6eod

Postoffice Notes.
A package and stamp window will be opened at the postoffice on Saturday morning for the benefit of the public during the holiday rush. All packages for mailing will be received at this window where they will be weighed and the stamps affixed. Registered mail will also be received at this window and packages for delivery from the postoffice will be given out here.

The department has authorized the employment of an additional carrier for the postoffice during the holiday work in order to relieve the regular carriers from the increased amount of business at that season of the year. It will even tax the five men who will be employed in carrying the mail to keep it all cleaned up.

Commencing January 2d the mail in the business portion of the city will be collected at 6 p. m. and mail after that hour will have to be deposited in the postoffice in order to have it dispatched the same night. Heretofore mail in the business section has been collected between the hours of 7 and 7:30 in the evening, but in order to extend the delivery this change is made as some time can be gained by so doing and very little, if any, business mail is deposited in the street boxes after that hour. The postmaster makes this announcement in time so that the change may be noted and the patrons can govern themselves accordingly. The exact time of picking the mail up from the different boxes will be announced later.

UNTIL AFTER THE HOLIDAYS.

Senate Lays Aside the Omnibus Statehood Bill.

Washington, Dec. 17.—In the senate during the day Mr. Dillingham concluded his remarks in opposition to the omnibus statehood bill and by unanimous consent it was agreed there should be no further discussion of the measure until the senate reconvenes on Jan. 5. Mr. Teller wanted to submit some remarks in reply, he said, to the slander on the committee on territories and of Mr. Dillingham, but senators insisted that the agreement not to further discuss the bill should be adhered to. Mr. Morgan (Ala.) criticised the salaries paid the isthmian canal commission. For half an hour the militia bill was up, Mr. Bacon (Ga.), on constitutional grounds, opposing the section which provides for a reserve force of trained men. Several bills and resolutions were passed.

TELEGRAPHIC BREVITIES.

General George Morman, adjutant general of the United Confederate Veterans, died suddenly in New Orleans Tuesday, aged sixty-one years.

After repeated postponements and a protracted debate, the New York board of aldermen, by a vote of 41 to 36, granted the Pennsylvania railroad tunnel franchise.



"They say the strong should help the weak, so I suppose this egg is giving a friendly hand to the tea, and, by Jove, it wants it!"

HEADQUARTERS
For the
Holiday Buyers
At The
CASH DEPARTMENT STORE.

AN Elegant line to select from. We want all shrewd, critical and economical buyers to look our lines over. We have selected for our holiday trade, the very latest designs and patterns. Oft repeated experiences have taught us, that those who select best select gifts early.
To buy from a holiday stock now, is worth double to you in comfort and satisfaction; again we urge you—as we do each year—to buy before Xmas crowds congest our store. Buy now.
SURE SIGNS OF CHRISTMAS.
Come in—look through the store—You'll see plenty of signs—and will find something you want, not room enough here to mention one-tenth of our Holiday Goods. Come in, you are always welcome.
This store will be open every night from now until Christmas.
Money cheerfully refunded if goods are not as represented.
L. J. CALE,
Goods Delivered Promptly. Phone Call 75.

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Hardware
Store.
We have not got a department store, but we have got as complete a stock of
Builders and General Hardware,
Sash, Doors, Paint, Oils and Varnishes, Nails, Paper, Wire, Stoves and Ranges, and everything that goes to make up a first-class Hardware Store as can be found north of St. Paul. : : :
Get our Prices and Compare with other Stores.

D. M. Clark & Co., carry the largest line of trunks, grips and telescopes in the city.
D. M. Clark & Co., carry a line of wood heaters from \$2.50 to \$30.00, sold on easy terms.

BUY YOUR CHRISTMAS GOODS OF
E. S. HOUGHTON, JEWELER AND OPTICIAN.
Best and Largest Stock in the City.

Cut Glass—Finest line in the city, all the latest cuts and patterns. Nothing better for a holiday present.
Sterling Silver—All the latest novelties in Sterling Silver, and at a Lower Price than they can be bought for elsewhere.
Full Line of Ebony Goods—Containing all the latest novelties, stock as complete as can be found in the largest cities.
Plated Ware—The largest stock of plated goods ever brought to the city, all new, gotten for the holiday trade.
China Ware—An elegant line of Haviland China ware just received. Beautiful patterns and artistic designs in plain and decorated ware. You should see it before buying elsewhere.
Diamonds and Watches, Clocks and Jewelry, a full and complete stock of each.
Given Away Free— A fine leather Card Case with each purchase of **\$3.00**
Don't Forget **E. S. HOUGHTON,** The Optician.

STORE FULL Things You Need

Our stock of goods is so near complete as a stock can be and best of all it is new. Nothing out of date, shop worn or stale.

—AS TO PRICES—

It is conceded by a large majority that they are the lowest. We only ask you to call and see for yourself. Here are a few samples:

\$5.00 Walking Skirts

\$3.85.

Dress Skirts

\$1.50.

Heavy Fleece Lined Underwear

45c.

10-4 Blankets

49c.

10 per cent off on all Shoes and Over-shoes this week.

GROCERIES:

8 lbs Cream of Wheat

25c.

Barrel of Good Apples

\$2.00.

1 lb Fresh Coconut

15c.

2 Cans 20c Salmon

25c.

Gallon Can Plums

25c.

Gallon Can Rhubarb

25c.

Just received a new lot of Rolston's Breakfast Food. Also my winter Can Goods. Special prices in case lots.

M. J. REILLY.

209-211 7th St. So.

GIVES ANOTHER MILLION.

John D. Rockefeller Again Endows Chicago University.

Chicago, Dec. 17.—President Harper of the University of Chicago at the convocation exercises during the afternoon, announced the gift by John D. Rockefeller of another million dollars to that institution. Other gifts also were announced swelling the total up to \$1,526,000.

Water colors, pastels, etchings, oil paintings, carbon's, platinum's and a host of others too numerous to mention, at Miss Canan's, open evenings.

"Gold Dust" flour is guaranteed to be the best brand in the market.

Harness goods, trunks and grips at D. M. Clark & Co's.

Call at Miss Canan's and see the elegant line of pictures for the holiday trade. Open evenings. 161

See H. P. Dunn & Co's list of Christmas gifts on page 2.

Subscribe for the Daily Dispatch.

HE WAS SNATCHED FROM DEATH'S JAWS

Passenger on No. 12 By the Name
Of McKelvey Falls Beneath
a Flying Coach

WAS PRETTY BADLY BRUISED UP

J. C. McMillan Rescues the Man
By Pulling Him Out From a
Perilous Position

Those who stood on the Northern Pacific depot platform this afternoon as No. 12 pulled in will not forget soon the sight that greeted their eyes, and there was hardly a face that did not turn palid, when the body of a man by the name of McKelvey was hurled down between the platform and one of the coaches, and for a second or two lay helpless across the track.

It seems that when the train pulled in McKelvey was jumping off to get a lunch. He jumped before the train stopped but instead of landing safely on the platform his feet slipped and he went under the train. J. C. McMillan, bookkeeper for Bonness & Howe, was standing near by and with a wonderful display of thoughtfulness jumped to the man's rescue and to him McKelvey certainly owes his life, for had he hesitated another second, the body of the man would have been ground to a pulp. Mr. McMillan grabbed the man and jerked him out from the perilous position that he was in, and in doing so the man's hip hit the rod beneath the car and he was quite badly hurt.

He was otherwise quite badly used up, being squeezed between the platform and the car. He however was able to walk to the car and continued on his journey to Duluth, a much wiser but sadder man. It is a safe bet that he will read the signs in most coaches, "keep off the platform until trains stop" with considerable more weight in the future

Tried in Duluth.

Attorney R. R. Briggs returned yesterday from Brainerd, where he is interested in a suit brought against the Rat Portage Lumber company by Stitt & Howe. Mr. Briggs represents the defendant company and Attorney H. B. Fryberger the plaintiffs. In order to accommodate the two Duluth attorneys, Judge McClenahan, who is sitting in the case, agreed to come to Duluth and take the suit up the last of the present month in one of the local district court rooms, Dec. 29 being set as the day. The suit involves a logging contract and the plaintiff seeks an accounting. The contract was made in 1899 and it is claimed by the plaintiffs that it was repudiated by the defendant company. About \$150,000 was involved in the original deal and the plaintiffs are seeking to recover about \$50,000.—Duluth News Tribune.

Feed and sale stable, 513 Laurel St Good hack in connection, at all hours. Tel. call 233. A. N. McIntosh. 2w

MAYOR HALSTED HONORED.

He Receives the Appointment as Deputy
Grand President of the Order
of Eagles.

Mayor Halsted was surprised to find in his mail this morning the commission from the grand lodge of the Eagles appointing him grand deputy president of the order. Coming unsolicited as it did the mayor was certainly honored. He was already past worthy president of the local aerie.

To Cure a Cold in One Day
Take Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets. This
signature *E. W. Grove* on every box, 25c.

RESIGNATION NOT ACTED UPON.

It will be Remembered that William Nelson
Resigned as Captain of Company F—
National Guard Notes.

It will be remembered that William Nelson resigned as captain of Company F., of this city, some time ago. No action has ever been taken by the officers of the national guard of the state and it is therefore presumed that Mr. Nelson is still captain.

The following notes regarding national guard matters are taken from the Minneapolis Journal:

"Adjutant General E. D. Libbey has issued the following general order, providing for changes in the national guard: Resigned—Second Lieutenant M. C. McMillan, Company K, First infantry, Stillwater; First Lieutenant Clifton T. Smith, Company C, Second regiment, Winona; Second Lieutenant William L. Wallace, Company D, Second regiment, Northfield; Second Lieutenant Albert C. Eddy, Battery A, St. Paul. Appointed—Alexander H. Dunlop, Crookston, examining surgeon. Decorations—Major Edward S. Person, Second infantry, Zumbrota, fifteen-year faithful service medal; Private John A. Kiekert, Company B, Minneapolis, First infantry, ten year faithful service medal.

"The question of adopting the new regular army uniform for the Minnesota national guard will be dropped until after the next annual encampment. It was expected the new uniform would be used by the army on January 1, but a recent order delays it until July 1, when every officer must have supplied himself.

"General William Bend believes the Minnesota troops, on the St. Louis trip in 1904, may again be able to take the honors as they did at the dedication of the world's fair buildings in 1893.

"Colonel C. A. Van Duzee, Third regiment, accompanied by Adjutant General Libbey, Captain F. H. Mattson and Lieutenant R. D. O'Brien, went to Crookston last week and mustered in the new company at that place, I of the Third regiment.

"It is more than probable that the annual encampments may be cut from ten days to either seven or eight, as is customary in Iowa and Wisconsin. There are many good reasons to be advanced for the change. A very small percentage of the men who come to camp remain for the full ten days. The new plan if adopted will compel all men to remain for the full period.

Go to Purdy's barn and see the car load of draft horses now on sale. They are westerners and good ones. 65t3

Nettleton makes farm and city loans and buys and sells houses.

Trouble at Cass Lake.

Frank Ives, United States commissioner, and editor and publisher of the Cass Lake Times, who went to Washington on behalf of the squatters on section 16, to have the land set aside as a government townsite, has caused commotion here by writing in his paper about the secretary's decision having uncovered more filth, and we learn that the Indians are putting on their war paint; it's in the air, and prevades every wigwam of every Chippewa tribe, from Mackinaw to the Missouri. It disappointed them, and the mutterings are long, and soon will be loud, against the corruption which has brought about a decision that none of them like or respect, and none of them feel bound to abide by.

Those in a position to know say that the Indians regard the decision indifferently, except when the matter is brought to their notice in an unjust manner, by those who are vexed at the decision of the secretary in favor of Mrs. Nellie Lydick and her two children.

It is rumored that these dissatisfied white men are moving among the Indians to incite them against the secretary's decision as unjust to them, and this matter is being brought to the notice of the Indian agents. Meanwhile the squatters have held no public meeting, although a committee representing those who oppose the decision has met. Mrs. Lydick gave out a statement that she would not confiscate their property and improvements, but that they could move off, if they were dissatisfied, and could take their property with them. This caused a majority to be in favor of supporting Mrs. Lydick. She is awaiting instructions from the secretary of the interior before making any movement.—Minneapolis Journal.

To Cure a Cold in One Day
Take Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets. All
druggists refund the money if it fails to cure. E.
W. Grove's signature is on each box. 25c.

No. 12 was thirty minutes late this afternoon.

RESULTS TELL.

There Can be no Doubt About the Results in Brainerd.

Results will tell. All doubt is removed. The testimony of a Brainerd citizen.

Can easily be investigated.

What better proof can be had? Mr. Philip O'Neill, gardner, of Fifth street south, says: "There was a dull, steady ache across my eyes, especially when I became a little fatigued. When I stooped to lift or set out young plants I felt it acutely. The action of my kidneys were very frequent, the secretions being highly colored, unnatural and annoying. This was a new condition for such symptoms had bothered me for years. My attention was attracted to Doan's Kidney Pills and thinking they might help me, I procured them. From the time I commenced their use I suffered no further disturbance or annoyance from my kidney complaint, the kidneys gradually assumed a regular action and the backache ceased to bother me. I therefore recommend Doan's Kidney Pills for such ailments and wish them luck."

Sold for 50 cents a box, at the McFadden Drug Co., H. P. Dunn & Co. and all druggists. Foster-Milburn Co., Buffalo, N. Y., sole agents for the U. S.

Remember the name—Doan's—and take no substitute.

Hypnotism.

Wanted young lady subject. One who can take hypnoticship. Call at parlor Swanson hotel, Saturday, Dec. 29, 2.30 to 5 p. m. 67t3

The Grown up.

"LITTLE GROCERY'S"

NEW LIST.

Read it, if you wish to Trade at a Store
which sells Groceries cheaper than any
House in this section of the State.

Here They Are!

Best Granulated Sugar 20 lbs for	\$1	Best Soda Crackers per lb.....	8c
Best Patent Flour per sack.....	95c	Best Cream Cheese per lb.....	16c
Best Grade Lard per lb.....	12½c	Ginger Snaps 3 lbs for.....	25c
Package Coffee per lb.....	10c	Bakers' Chocolate only.....	16c
Bulk Coffee, value 20c, 7 lbs for.....	\$1.00	Yeast Foam only.....	4c
Jaxon Soap, best grade, best weight 7 bars for.....	25c	Canned Fruits per can, 25c to.....	10c
Good Grade of Rice Per lb only.....	5c	Best grade dried Apples and Peaches, lb.....	10c
Better Grade of Rice at 10c and.....	7c	Prunes per lb, 10c, 8c and.....	6c
Raisins and Currants per package.....	10c	New Orleans Molasses per gallon.....	30c
Mince Meat per pail.....	20c	Fine Table Syrup per gal.....	35c
Clothes Pins per doz.....	1c	Vinegar per gal.....	25c
Blueing 10c bottle for.....	5c	10c Table Salt per sack.....	8c
Spices pure, all kinds, per lb.....	25c	Short Cut Pork per lb.....	12½c

Lingon Berries, per qt, 10c. Anchovies, 10c, 3 for 25c. Herring, 10c, 3 for 25c. Salt Mackerel, Trout, Salmon, Bloaters and Codfish always in stock.

Holiday Goods, Nuts, Candies, Grapes, Oranges, Lemons, Figs, Dates, Cookies, etc. It pays to trade at the

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Brainerd, Minn.

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Mills and Yards at Rice Lake, East Brainerd.

We have constantly on hand a complete stock of Lumber, Lath Shingles and Building Material. Short Lumber of all grades, and

Low Grade of Dimension and boards at very low prices for Cash

Bids Wanted

For replanking the Mississippi river wagon bridge with either three inch oak or three inch pine. Bids will be received by the county auditor up to 10 a. m., December 20th, 1902. The commissioners reserve the right to reject any or all bids.

N. M. PAINE,
Chairman.

Brainerd, Dec. 8, 1902. 160t110

Your money back if "Gold Dust" does not give entire satisfaction.

One car load of heavy draft horses now on sale at Purdy's livery barn. Weight of horses from 1400 to 1600. 65t3

J. M. WATSON.

Try "Gold Dust" Flour.

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BOOKS.

A very complete line of Nice Books at about half the regular price. Christmas cards, Booklets, Prayer Books, Bibles, Linen Toy Books, and fancy Box Paper. You should see our line of Padded Poems before You Buy Books. It will Pay you to do so.

Burnt Leather Pillows.

We can show you an Elegant line of Burnt Lint Goods. Do not fail to see them.

A fine line of Elegant Pipes for Gentleman. Just Received.

Cigars by the Box.

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Consisting of Elegant fancy Basket Sandal Wood, Feathers, Silk Fans and many other Handsome things in this line also.

French and Japanese Hand Painted China, all new and Novel Patterns.

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We invite you to call and see the largest Display ever shown in one line at Prices from 10c to \$10.00.

We have added a fine line of Chains, Rings, Pins, Buckles, and Fobs, on which we are making Exceptionally Low Prices.

CUT GLASS.

We are showing the Richest line of Cut Glass from the well known Libby Factory at Prices which can not be duplicated in the largest cities.

POCKET BOOKS.

This is where we excel from 5c to \$5.00. Any Style, Make, Shape, and Kind for Ladies' and Gentlemen and Children in cut Steel, Hand carved leather, Burnt leather, fancy leather, or any thing you may want to ask for.

FINEST DISPLAY OF HOLIDAY GOODS IN THE CITY.

A LORENZ HOSPITAL FOR CHICAGO

[Special Correspondence.]

Chicago, Dec. 16.—The various rumors regarding J. Ogden Armour's intention of making public recognition of the reclamation of his little daughter Lolita from a life of helplessness have at last crystallized into the definite announcement that Mr. Armour has decided to honor the skill of Dr. Adolf Lorenz by founding in Chicago a hospital and new school of surgery to be known as the Lolita Armour Institute of Bloodless Surgery. It is understood that Dr. Friedrich Muller, who for six years has been Dr. Lorenz's assistant, will be the first head of the institute.

The story of how Mr. Armour made his intention known is in itself not devoid of interest. When Dr. Lorenz and Dr. Muller were passing through Chicago, bound east, after their tour of the western cities, they were entertained at Mr. Armour's home, and before leaving Dr. Lorenz made a thorough examination of his youthful patient. At the conclusion of this he informed the anxious parents that their child was now as well as any child.

Upon this Mr. and Mrs. Armour turned to Dr. Muller, and Mr. Armour then informed that surgeon that he intended to establish an institution or a school of bloodless surgery in commemoration of his daughter's cure through the skill of Dr. Lorenz. He urged that Dr. Muller become the head of the institute. The wealthy Chicago man then said that for the first time since Lolita Armour was born he and Mrs. Armour were happy.

"Make Chicago your home, and you will not regret it," added Mr. Armour to Dr. Muller.

Dr. Muller requested the advice of Dr. Lorenz, and the latter said that the offer should be accepted. Mr. Armour and Dr. Muller then grasped hands, and the agreement was made. They at once discussed plans for the institution.

According to the announced intention of Mr. Armour, the institute will be absolutely free to all in need of treatment. There is not to be a knife in the place, and a specialty will be made of treating children who are crippled as the little Armour girl was. It is understood that a site has been selected already and that the only thing remaining to be done is the construction of the building and its equipment. The hospital will require an endowment of nearly \$3,000,000 to insure an income of \$100,000 a year.

As explaining what will be done at the new institution the following re-



LITTLE MISS LOLITA ARMOUR.

marks of Dr. Lorenz apropos of the system of surgery that he has discovered may be quoted:

"Bloody surgery tried to correct the deformed members by extirpating parts of bones not in their proper places. Bloodless surgery restores the bones to their proper places. If the bloodless method unites swiftness and sureness, it may be called the superior of bloody surgery. Plastic bloodless surgery regards human tissue as plastic clay, which it remodels. Its direct function is to stretch shortened and shrunken joints until they take their natural condition.

"Two examples may be cited: Congenital clubfoot is a foot rolled into a spiral, so that the heel points outward and the toes inward. If the foot be unrolled and can be held down by the weight of the body, nature will heal it. The curing of congenital dislocation of the hip joint has perhaps given to plastic bloodless surgery its greatest triumphs. A wry neck, if treated in childhood, may be healed completely. But there are many problems not yet solved by the new surgery.

"The cure of lateral deformation of the spine, if ever possible, will be by plastic bloodless surgery. With the great Joseph Lister I believe the time may come when a small instrument, the hypodermic syringe, will be the only instrument used by the surgeons. The nation that gives to mankind this boon will become the first nation of the earth."

Dr. Muller has gone east with Dr. Lorenz and intends to return to Vienna for some months previous to taking up his work as head of the institute in this city. It is thought probable, however, that he will be able to do this by the end of March.

HENRY MILLER.

DOOLEY'S ROMANCE.

HOW THE SAGE OF ARCHY ROAD WAS TRAPPED BY CUPID.

Not the Real Mr. Dooley, You Know, but Peter Finley Dunne, Who Created Him—Will Wed a Chicago Beauty.

"Sly Mr. Dooley" is the way the friends of Peter F. Dunne, otherwise known as Mr. Dooley, refer to him since it became known that he is soon to be married to Miss Margaret Abbott, a famous Chicago beauty.

Mr. Dooley, who for several years has tickled the reading public with his droll humor, has been regarded by his friends as a confirmed bachelor. This idea doubtless had its inception in the humorist's own words. He has on several occasions, in his inimitable way, expressed an opinion on the perils of matrimony. Writing on "Polygamy," he said:

"If a man's done anything in his youth that he has to do pinnance f'r an' th' stations iv the cross ain't strong enough, lave him, says I, marry as many women as he wants, but kunnny time ye hear iv me bein' drawn fr'm th' quite miseries iv single life ye may know they have caught me asleep an' chloroformed me."

Again, in describing the financial needs of the matrimonial state, Mr. Dooley said:

"If a man can't show down a bank account that wud mak Andrew Carnaygle feel like goin' back to wurruk,



PETER FINLEY DUNNE (MR. DOOLEY).

he might as well make up his mind to remain a gay bachelor. A married man can always find wurruk to do. He's got to."

The engagement was a great secret until one of Mr. Dooley's friends discovered that he had hired a house in Fifth avenue, New York. Then the story came out. It turns out to be a real romance. Miss Margaret Abbott, the bride elect, was Mr. Dooley's boyhood sweetheart. She is living in New York with her mother now, but the beginning of the romance was when she was a young girl in Chicago. Since that time she has become a clever and successful artist and Mr. Dooley has become a famous writer.

Miss Abbott is the daughter of Mrs. Mary Abbott, a widow, and she made her home for several years in Paris. There she was well known in literary and artistic circles, and a few months ago Miss Abbott won a prize in the woman's handicap game at the international golf match there.

Miss Abbott is tall and graceful. Her complexion is brilliant and her hair ash blond. Her picture appeared not long ago in a magazine as a type of "an American beauty."

Mr. Peter Finley Dunne before he achieved fame by his writings about the philosopher of Archy road was a reporter on various Chicago newspapers. He won special success in re-



MISS MARGARET ABBOTT.

porting baseball games, which he wrote in droll style. Later he became an editorial writer and for a time was in editorial charge of the Chicago Evening Journal.

Mr. Dunne's "Dooley" letters began with local topics as themes and were prompted by the amusing but wise sayings of a lovable old Irishman, the late James McGarry, who kept a buffet in Dearborn street. Hennessy, a bar-keeper, was the foil for McGarry's wit.

From local subjects Mr. Dunne branched into those of a national and international character, and soon his reputation had grown until it reached the English reading public in all parts of the world. The letters have been published in book form. For several years Mr. Dunne has lived in New York.

Temporary Bass Voice.

"He's a regular sissy, isn't he?"

"Yes. I never heard him talk like a man but once."

"When was that?"

"Once when he had a bad cold."—Philadelphia Press.

AFTER MANY DAYS

Miss Alvira Garlinghorn, fair, fat and forty or more, acknowledged the introduction with a smile.

"Your face, Mr. Van Osdoll," she said, "is strangely familiar to me. Have we not met before?"

"Yes," replied the well preserved bachelor. "But it was a long time ago—that is to say, comparatively a long time ago. When you were a little girl, you went to school to a man of the name of Negly, didn't you?"

"To be sure I did. In the old building they called the 'academy' in the little town of Blankview. I remember it as if it were yesterday. Negly—Negly? Didn't he walk with a cane?"

"Yes. Something was the matter with one of his feet. Good teacher, though. Nothing the matter with his head. Remember one winter morning, when the ground was covered with snow, you were going to school and the boys were washing the girls' faces with the snow?"

"Yes, and one of them came to my relief."

"I see you haven't forgotten it. A tough little brute—it makes me mad clear through to think of it even now—grabbed up a handful and tried to wash your face with it?"

"Yes, and another boy not nearly as big as he was, told him to let me alone or he'd whip him."

"That's right. He wasn't much of a fighter, but he was fighting in a good cause, and he lapped that brute of a boy good and plenty. It isn't much to boast of now, but it is a pleasure to remember how one little ruffian got his deserts."

"Indeed it is. How freshly it comes back to me after all these years! And you, Mr. Van Osdoll, were the?"

"No, Miss Garlinghorn," interrupted the well preserved bachelor, shaking his head mournfully. "You are wrong. I was the tough little brute."—Chicago Tribune.



Interpreted.

Rastus—Yessah. Ah dreamed dat de coop doah flew open an' de pullits done walk right in mah han's. Bu dey say dat dreams goes contrary, dough.

Unc' Mose—M-hm! Reckon dat means you'll hev to open dat coop doah foh you'self, man.—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

A Cheap European Trip.

"I'd go to Europe if it were not for the awful voyage by ship."

"Go by train. I've often been that way."

"Impossible!"

"Not at all. I have a train at my disposal. That's the only way I ever go."

"You're jesting."

"No, indeed. It's a train of thought, you know."—Philadelphia Bulletin.

Charitable Sex.

He—Miss Elderleigh certainly has a very beautiful complexion.

She—Yes, indeed. Why, when she returned from Europe recently her father was compelled to pay duty on her as a work of art.—Chicago News.

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As soon as he reaches the house he is conducted into the best room and is entertained with tea, brandy and sweetmeats; or, if he has come a good distance, with a meal of several courses. No matter how ill his patient may be he will not approach him until he has thoroughly refreshed himself in this manner.

When at last he goes to his bedside, he first asks the patient if he is still able to eat, and he next examines his pulse. After the patient has bared his entire forearm the physician places his finger on the pulse and for several moments does not utter a word. Sometimes only one of his fingers and at

other times all of them are employed at this work. When he breaks his silence, he describes minutely the disease from which the patient is suffering and writes a prescription.

Then the doctor takes his leave, promising to call again if necessary. He receives, as a rule, no fee for this service, but if he is a druggist he charges a large price for the medicine, or if he is not a druggist he receives a satisfactory commission from the one who prepares it. Moreover, the patient, if he recovers, generally gives him a handsome present.

Minnesota Labor Organizations.

St. Paul, Dec. 16.—There are 28,338 members connected with the labor organizations in Minnesota, an increase of 12,958 in the last two years. Labor Commissioner O'Donnell has completed his report as to the number of labor organizations in the state, and finds there are 297.

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"CHASE-LISTER COMPANY."

The Chase-Lister company appeared again last night at the Brainerd opera house to a fair audience. The play was "The Man of Mystery," a piece in which they were seen in this city last year when they were here. The piece was very well put on and the audience seemed more than pleased with the performance. The company, if anything, has been strengthened considerably this year and many of the parts are much better taken. Again last night the Robbins and the Thebus Bros. appeared in specialty turns and were loudly greeted. The Thebus Bros. are young men but are clever and have already won a place in the hearts of Brainerd theatre patrons. Too much cannot be said of the high class work of Mr. and Mrs. Robbins. The fact is their work is the very best thing in the performance each evening. They sing well, they dance well and all their new specialty features are put on with the most artistic finish. Mrs. Robbins is especially clever.

The bill selected for tonight's performance by the Chase-Lister company, is the very beautiful melodrama, "Sea of Ice". Mr. Chase claims this is one of the best plays in their repertoire, also that entirely new specialties will be introduced between the acts. With such excellent performances and the low prices of only 25, 35 and 50c, the theatre should be packed every night. Tomorrow the company produce "On the Chesapeake". Saturday afternoon at 2:30 a matinee for women and children will be given and a treat is promised the little ones in the fairy tale "Cinderella." The prices will be 10 and 25c only.

"JESSIE JAMES"

A clever play is often marred by the work of a mediocre company and an excellent cast are frequently saddled with a poorly written play; but when the best of both are combined the result is generally surprising. Of the latter class is "Jesse James, the Bandit King", the best work of that sterling playwright, Jos. D. Clifton, which Mgr. Jack Hoefler will produce here soon, with all the accessories of a first-class company and a full setting of special scenery.

The "Devils Auction" is coming to Brainerd.

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White folks is so foolish.
They worries me a heap;
"Sits on cat" turkey
When possum's just as cheap.
—Washington Star.

Always the Way.

Jaggles—Are these relatives of yours near or distant?
Waggles—The ones who have any money are very distant.—New York Times.

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MOURNING MODES.

How the French Fashioners Prescribe the Wearing of Black.
[Special Correspondence.]

New York, Dec. 15.—We are told until we ought certainly to know it by heart that "we do these things better in France," these things in this instance being the wearing of mourning for the lost ones. From an authority on the subject I learn that a widow must wear mourning one year and six months, the first year deep mourning, with crape trimmings and veil, and the next six months heavy lusterless silks and a short veil and three months in half mourning, which means that the victim can have white and lavender. If she is wise and has a poor complexion, she will keep to black and white and let her dearest foes wear the lavender, for there is no more trying color than that—not even green.

For a father, mother, father-in-law or mother-in-law nine months must be worn deep mourning, which always means a long veil of crape; three months she is to be dressed in dull silks—no great hardship that—and after that half mourning for three months more. For their little babies mothers may grade their mourning according to



PARISIAN MOURNING.

their age, but from the time the child is seven years old the mother must wear mourning for one year, but this affliction is tempered with mercy, and she may go into half mourning at the end of six months.

Half mourning in these days while black and white are so very chic is no great penance, and the outward show of grief is graded very carefully in France, for, while one must wear full mourning for brothers, sisters and grandparents for nine months, full mourning with crape veils and folds are not required after the first three months, silken sorrow three months and half mourning three months. For an uncle or aunt, unless the defunct left the mourner a fortune—when the mourning is worn longer, though perhaps not felt so deeply—three months is the limit set. For a first cousin six weeks are enough, and for a second cousin three weeks are considered long enough.

In Paris the mourning gowns would not be so very different from other black dresses without the crape, but with folds and bands of this black broadcloth, cashmere, henrietta, endora, melrose, anaire, albatross and some of the fine chevrons. None of these is suitable for first mourning but the endora, henrietta or melrose. Cloth, venetian and some of the new weaves in mohair will answer for second best if trimmed with crape in approved fashion.

It must be understood that no crape is suitable for the bands and folds or even for the veils except the old standard English courtveil, but the French crape will answer for other trimmings. For instance, some of the Monte Carlo coats have capes over the shoulders covered with the English and puffings or shirrings or platings of the French crape at the edge. The first is heavy and somber, while the second is lighter and much more transparent. Italian crape is also frequently employed in trimming the heavier crape. China crape is often seen in mourning, but only as a dress to be trimmed with the English crape. One is spelled crape and the other crepe.

Gowns are made in the same way as though not intended for mourning, and the bands are then added. One cloth dress had fine tucks lengthwise down the front and sides of the skirt, but around all but the front breadth were bands of the crape, the ends coming to a point. The tucked waist had a deep sailor collar covered with crape. Cuffs of the same were at the wrists. A rich whipcord gown had two deep bands of crape at the bottom of the skirt and a bolero of the cloth trimmed with bands of crape twice around, and there was a high stock of the same and a double bow at the bust, where a deep sailor collar started. This was a particularly handsome gown. There are such things as sailor collars made with a sort of chemisette and stock of crape made so that they can be worn with any dress.

There is a rich and soft material in a diagonal twill, and this is very beautiful made up as a mourning garment. There is a soft and frosty bloom on the surface. In a costume made of this the skirt is cut in long, sweeping lines. Around the bottom are three rows of mohair castle braid set one directly on the other. The waist is a plain bloused front and straight back, and the sleeves are bishop with deep cuffs trimmed with the braid. Braid is quite admissible in all but the first mourning, and it will be understood that this holds a gleam of comfort for the young widow.

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TO LIVE AMONG THE POOR.

Rich Mr. Stokes, Who Will Devote His Life to Social Reform.

J. Graham Phelps Stokes, the wealthy young New Yorker who recently surprised his fashionable friends by moving to the lower east side of the city to take up the work of bettering the conditions of the poor, is the son of Anson Phelps Stokes, the millionaire.

Mr. Stokes has been interested in University Settlement work for several years and has been a member of the council of the University Settlement, but only recently took up his permanent abode in the Settlement house with the intention of devoting his life to the work.

J. G. Phelps Stokes, although under thirty years of age, has had a business training. He was president of the Nevada Central railroad and of the Nevada company and the Woodbridge company, all of which have offices in New York. He is a member of several of New York's most exclusive clubs.

Mr. Stokes is unmarried and has always lived at his father's house until now. Last summer he abandoned any intention of spending the heated term yachting or idling on seashore or mountain and lived at the Settlement house, studying social questions. Previous to that he had gone through the full course at the College of Physicians and Surgeons, graduating in the class



J. GRAHAM PHELPS STOKES.

of '99, and, although he has not practiced medicine, he is qualified to do so, and in this respect possesses a technical education rarely to be found among Settlement workers.

His brother, Anson Phelps Stokes, Jr., is secretary of Yale university. He has two other brothers and four sisters, and his father is reputed to be several times a millionaire. The Dodge and Phelps families, with whom he is connected, have been prominent in the social and commercial life of New York for generations.

Good Substitute.

"Father, I should like to try one of these systems of physical exercise that are advertised in the papers. They are cheap, and you don't need any apparatus."

"I'll furnish you with one, my son, that I tried with great success when I was a young man, and I'll warrant it to be as good as any in the market."

"Could I take it here at home?"

"Yes; that is one of its chief merits."

"Any apparatus necessary?"

"Yes, but it's quite simple. I'll furnish it."

"Can I take it in my room?"

"No; you take it out at the woodpile. You will find the apparatus there, all ready for you, my son."—Chicago Tribune.

W. S. Gilbert's Career.

It is said that W. S. Gilbert was meant for the bar, and his father was reluctant to see him turning in other directions. "If you would only stick to it," said the elder Gilbert, "you might become lord chancellor."

"So I might," answered the author of the "Pinafore" to be, "and if I stick to the theaters I may become Sheridan. One's as likely as the other, and of the two I prefer Sheridan."

That was a preference lucky for the lovers of the stage.

CLEANED CITY OF BANGKOK

American Engineer Who Is the Sanitary Head of Siam.

King Chulalongkorn I. of Siam, who has just definitely announced that he will visit the United States next summer, has been influenced to take the trip by a young American who for a year has resided at Bangkok.

This young American is Edwin P. Osgood, engineer in chief of the sanitary department for his royal highness. How he came to get the job is interesting. About a year and a half ago the Siamese minister at Washington received an official note from Chulalongkorn asking for an American sanitary engineer to put his capital, Bangkok, in sanitary condition.

With the aid of John D. Long, then secretary of the navy, Mr. Osgood was secured, and so pleased has been the



EDWIN P. OSGOOD.

king with his work that his curiosity was stirred to see a country that can produce such bright young men.

Mr. Osgood has been in Bangkok about a year, and during that time he and his wife have been the recipient of numerous courtesies at the hands of the royal family.

As a matter of fact, Mr. Osgood is his own boss, for he practically decides on the work to be done. His suggestions in all matters are invariably adopted. Bangkok is a city of a million inhabitants, and the work which the American engineer had before him can be imagined.

Mr. Osgood is but twenty-six years of age, quite young to be the sanitary head of a nation of 16,000,000 people and with a territory as big as Texas. He is a member of the famous Osgood family. His father, Colonel H. B. Osgood, is a civil war veteran and was chief of commissary at Santiago. One of his brothers, W. D. Osgood, was killed in Cuba, and another brother, Henry, is connected with the health department of Manila.

English Style Dinners.

In the endeavor to be like the English in some of their ways, curious customs are started in France. For instance, among the middle classes, when a special dinner is given in the "English style" the length of the dining table is loaded with immense dishes, their shape and form each indicating their contents, in the same way as the rounded cover of a cheese dish, in the form of a cheese, tells its own story. One of these dishes will be butter colored, and rounded knobs, representative of plain boiled potatoes, will ornament the cover; another of green and white will have raised cabbage leaves running over, while yet another is all in ridges, indicative of a bundle of asparagus.

The walls of the dishes themselves are all treated in the same way, and the coloring, roughly speaking, is correct.

Deep Sea Feelings.

Tomdix—Did you ever cross the ocean?
Hojax—Yes; once.

Tomdix—What were your feelings?
Hojax—Oh, same as usual. I wanted the earth.—Kansas City Independent.

FATAL WORDS.

The Ship That Doomed Major Andre and Saved West Point.

At Tarrytown there is a monument surmounted by a bronze figure ever on duty that marks the spot where on Sept. 23, 1780, a large sprang, as it were, out of the ground, seized the bridle of the traveler's horse and at the same instant demanded a halt. Two other men joined the first, and to these three the traveler offered the authority for John Anderson to pass on public business and signed by the major general commanding West Point.

For one moment the pass sufficed. Then there was doubt. In that moment of hesitation the traveler's eyes rested upon a coat that one of the men wore which he had obtained while a prisoner not long before, and, recognizing the garb of the Hessian soldiers attached to the British army, the traveler concluded hastily that he had fallen among friends instead of foes. "I see you belong to the army down below, as I do," he remarked, with a slight gesture of the head toward the river.

Fatal words! They sealed the doom of Adjutant Major General John Andre of the British army. He was quickly dismounted and searched without result, and still there was delay. Some latent sense of required vigilance incited these humble militiamen to renewed search of the traveler's person. West Point was saved.

A Horse's Sense of Smell.

A horse will leave musty hay untouched in his bin, however hungry. He will not drink of water objectionable to his questioning snuff or from a bucket which some odor makes offensive, however thirsty. His intelligent nostril will widen, quiver and query over the faintest bit offered by the fairest of hands, with coaxings that would make a mortal shut his eyes and swallow a mouthful at a gulp. A mare is never satisfied by either sight or whiff that her colt is really her own until she has a certified nasal proof of the fact. A blind horse, now living, will not allow the approach of any stranger without showing signs of anger not safely to be disregarded. The distinction is evidently made by his sense of smell and at a considerable distance. Blind horses, as a rule, will gallop wildly about a pasture without striking the surrounding fence. The sense of smell informs them of its proximity. Others will, when loosened from the stable, go direct to the gate or bars opened to their accustomed feeding grounds and when desiring to return, after hours of careless wandering, will distinguish one outlet and patiently await its opening.—St. James Gazette.

The Chief Trouble.

"Why is it that so few of the sons of great men turn out to be great?"
"One reason is that most of the great men are foolish enough to make it unnecessary for their sons to be great."—Chicago Record-Herald.

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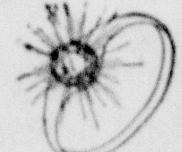
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DISEASES AMONG LIVE STOCK.

House Passes a Bill to Aid in Their Suppression.

Washington, Dec. 17.—The house during the day passed the bill transferring from the treasury department to the department of agriculture the power to establish regulations for the suppression of contagious diseases among live stock, and devoted the remainder of the day to the legislative appropriation bill, upon which rapid progress was made.

MARKET QUOTATIONS.

Minneapolis Wheat. Minneapolis, Dec. 16.—Wheat—Dec. 74½c; May, 75½c. On Track—No. 1 hard, 75½c; No. 1 Northern, 74½c; No. 2 Northern, 72½c.

Duluth Wheat and Flax. Duluth, Dec. 16.—Wheat—Cash, No. 1 hard, 74c; No. 1 Northern, 73c; No. 2 Northern, 71c. 3 spring, 68c. To Arrive—No. 1 hard, 74c; No. 1 Northern and Dec., 72c; May, 76c. Flax—Cash, \$1.21½.

St. Paul Union Stock Yards. St. Paul, Dec. 16.—Cattle—Choice butcher steers, \$5.00@6.00; choice butcher cows and heifers, \$2.25@4.00; good to choice veals, \$2.00@5.00. Hogs—\$5.65@6.00. Sheep—Good to choice, \$2.50@4.25; lambs, \$4.00@5.00.

Chicago Union Stock Yards. Chicago, Dec. 16.—Cattle—Good to choice steers, \$3.50@5.50; stockers and feeders, \$3.00@4.50; cows and heifers, \$1.25@5.00; Texas steers, \$3.50@4.75. Hogs—Mixed and butchers, \$5.90@6.30; good to choice heavy, \$6.35@6.55; rough heavy, \$5.95@6.30; light, \$5.60@6.10; bulk of sales, \$6.10@6.25. Sheep—Good to choice, \$3.75@4.50; lambs, \$3.75@5.50.

Chicago Grain and Provisions. Chicago, Dec. 16.—Wheat—Dec., 74½c; May, 77½@77¾c; July, 74c. Corn—Dec., 53c; Jan., 46½c; May, 43½@43¾c; July, 42½c. Oats—Dec., 31½c; May, 32½c; July, 31½c; Aug., 31c. Pork—Jan., \$16.67½; May, \$15.65. Lard—Cash Northwestern, \$1.25; Southwestern, \$1.15; Butter—Creameries, 18@28½c; dairies, 17@25c. Eggs—24c. Poultry—Turkeys, 13@17½c; chickens, 9@11c.

GAS TANK BLOWS UP

SIX CHILDREN MEET INSTANT DEATH IN AN EXPLOSION AT FORT LEE, N. J.

MOTHER BADLY INJURED

Victims Had Just Returned Home

From School and Were Eating Lunch at the Time of the Accident. Debris of the Wrecked House Takes Fire and the Bodies Are Eadly Charred.

Fort Lee, N. J., Dec. 17.—By the explosion of a gas tank during the day the residence of John Puglughl was demolished, his six children instantly killed, and his wife so seriously injured that her recovery is despaired of.

The dead are Ida Puglughl, aged fourteen years; Tilly, twelve years; Irene, ten years; Idalene, seven years, and George, five years.

The mother was found 200 feet from where the explosion took place, her right arm almost torn from her body.

The body of the eldest daughter, Clarinda, aged twenty-two years, who was supposed to have gone to New York, was found later in the ruins of the house.

Just returned from school, the children were at the lunch table when the explosion occurred. The roof and sides of the house were blown out. An adjoining cottage was also partially destroyed. The debris immediately took fire and the bodies of the dead were badly charred.

Mrs. Puglughl, who was waiting on the children at the table, was blown through the side of the house and was found in the road. The father was away from home.

The tank which exploded was in the cellar and supplied the illuminating gas for the building.

SEIZE A PRIVATE MINT.

Officers Secure a Counterfeiting Plant at Maple Grove, Minn.

Minneapolis, Dec. 17.—United States Deputy Marshal William H. Grimshaw, Jr., and Detective Hicks of Minneapolis seized the counterfeiting plant of Andrew Schroeder near Maple Grove, after a hurried drive of seventeen miles through a blinding snowstorm, during the morning.

A complete counterfeiter's outfit, including three plaster of paris molds for dollars, composition for making these molds, a bar of lead, glass, a dipper, a carpenter's square and files for milling the edges of the coins, was found in the room to which Schroeder had given the key.

Mrs. Schroeder admitted her son's guilt, saying that he had been engaged in this work for several years and that she was unable to stop him.

He is expected to plead guilty as he not only admitted when arrested Monday afternoon, that he made counterfeit money and passed it, but also directed the officers to the place where he manufactured the coins and gave them the key to the room.

GIVEN A NEW TRIAL.

Supreme Court Reverses the Verdict in a St. Louis Boodle Case.

St. Louis, Dec. 17.—In an opinion handed down during the afternoon, the supreme court at Jefferson City reversed the verdict of the St. Louis circuit court that found guilty Emil A. Myensburg, charged with bribery, and remanded the case for retrial. Mr. Myensburg, a member of the city council, was charged with accepting money from Charles H. Turner, president of the Suburban Railway company, through Phillip Stock, the "legislative agent," at a time when his vote was desired to aid the passage of the Suburban bill through the council.

Myensburg admitted receiving the money, but contended that it was in payment for stock in an electrical company bought by Turner. In support of his contention, Myensburg showed that he had voted against the Suburban bill on its passage.

This was the first of the "boodle" cases tried.

ELEVATED INTERURBAN.

Minnesota Legislature to Be Asked For a Thirty-Year Franchise.

St. Paul, Dec. 17.—An elevated electric railway connecting St. Paul and Minneapolis and eventually a complete elevated rapid transit system in both cities is the project of a syndicate which will ask the legislature at the coming session for a thirty-year franchise.

Sherman S. Smith, the well-known Minneapolis politician and former member of the legislature, represents the syndicate and will engineer its application for a franchise.

Murder in the First Degree.

New York, Dec. 17.—Thomas Tobin during the day was convicted of the murder of Captain James B. Craft of Glen Cove, L. I., whose decapitated body was found about two months ago in the Empire music hall. The jury rendered a verdict of murder in the first degree after brief deliberation.

Given a Stay of Execution.

Salt Lake, Dec. 17.—The supreme court has granted a stay of execution in the case of Charles Bothea, the convicted Grand county murderer, who was recently sentenced to be shot on Dec. 29. The stay was granted to give Bothea's attorneys an opportunity to perfect an appeal.

Chilean Cabinet Resigns.

Santiago de Chile, Dec. 17.—The coalition cabinet has resigned after having been ten days in power. The resignation of the ministers was an outcome of a disagreement between the cabinet and President Riesco over election matters.

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Civilians and Naval Officers Confer Regarding Puerto Cabello.

Puerto Cabello, Dec. 17.—The American vice consul here, Mr. Volkmar, the German consul, P. Tiede, the British consul, R. Kelster, and a number of the leading citizens of Puerto Cabello have had an interview with the British and German commodores. This step was taken by the consuls and the citizens at their own volition. As a result of the conference the foreign naval officers have desisted from their plan to disembark marines and seize the cannon in Fort Solano, and ask for the capitulation of Puerto Cabello. Fort Solano is situated on the hills back of Puerto Cabello, in a position dominating the town. The British and German commodores have released General Bello, who was made a prisoner in Castle Libertador after the bombardment, and they have promised to release the other prisoners in a few hours. A number of criminals who were confined in Castle Libertador have been turned over to the Venezuelan civil authorities.

It has been arranged that Fort Solano and Castle Libertador, on the water-front, are not to be garrisoned by Venezuela as long as the present difficulties continue. This is done in order to avoid another bombardment. The lives and property of the British subjects here are to be guaranteed. There is no blockade at Puerto Cabello.

GERMAN OFFICER KILLED.

Hit by a Rifle Bullet During Shelling of Puerto Cabello.

Puerto Cabello, Dec. 17.—It has been learned here that during the bombardment of Puerto Cabello, Dec. 13, by the British cruiser Charybdis and the German cruiser Vineta that the Charybdis was struck in the bow by a shot fired from a cannon on the Plaza Brusual. The Vineta was struck twice by the Venezuelan cannon fire.

The report which has been in circulation here that an officer of the Vineta was killed during the bombardment by a rifle bullet fired from the shore appears now to be true. The Vineta left this port suddenly, although it was supposed she would remain here to protect German interests. She is at present at Willemstad, Curacao, where she arrived with her flag flying at half mast. It is believed the German cruiser went to Willemstad for the purpose of burying the body of the dead officer there.

WILL EMBOLDEN CASTRO.

London Press Comments on Lord Lansdowne's Assurances.

London, Dec. 17.—Lord Lansdowne's repudiation of any intention on the part of Great Britain to land forces in Venezuela, a statement made, it is thought, for the purpose of reassuring the United States, is commented upon by the papers as likely to embolden President Castro in his resolution to defy the powers.

It is now seen that Emperor William's recent visit to King Edward at Sandringham was coincident with and undoubtedly concerned, the final arrangements of the Anglo-German agreement. Premier Balfour is seriously reproached with having misled the country when at the Guild Hall banquet on Nov. 10, he protested that the assertions of the newspapers that some negotiations were going on in connection with Emperor William's visit were fantastic inventions.

SHIPS WERE UNSEAWORTHY.

Why the Germans Destroyed Two Venezuelan Vessels.

Washington, Dec. 17.—Advices received at the German embassy during the day relative to the sinking of the Venezuelan gunboats by the allied fleets bring important details about this incident. It seems that of the three Venezuelan men-of-war captured by the German squadron, the Restaurador is of 600 tons displacement, and the two others, the Totumo and General Crespo, were of 137 tons. Manned with German sailors, the Restaurador now flies the German flag. The other two vessels, it is claimed, were not seaworthy enough to make the voyage to Trinidad, nor was it possible to tug them to port, as the squadron was in search of Venezuelan men-of-war. The German commander, it is added, realizing the ships were of no value, decided to sink them.

GERMAN PAPERS PIQUED.

British Public Opinion Is Opposed to the Partnership.

Berlin, Dec. 17.—The newspapers here print long dispatches indicating that British public opinion is against the partnership with Germany in connection with the coercion of Venezuela, and the papers are evincing a certain amount of pique. They suggest that Germany would have done better to act alone and say the German government must think twice on a future occasion before agreeing to act with Great Britain.

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